(b) whether it is a fact that there have been sharp differences between the Soviet Union Engineers and U.P. Government P.W.D. Engineers on the construction of the project;

(c) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(d) by when the project is likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ARIF MOHD. KHAN): (a) The Government had, in November, 1986, decided to implement the Tehri Hydro Power Complex (2400 MW), which includes Tehri Dam Project, as a joint venture of the Government of India and the Government of Uttar Pradesh, and to seek Soviet technical and financial assistance for the same. There has been no change in this decision.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) The project is expected to be completed by June 1997.

Payment made by M/s Sumitomo Corporation of Japan to M/s Jyotsna Holding Limited

628. SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA:
DR. BAPU KALDATE:
SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to refer to the answer to Starred Question 93 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 24th July, 1989 and state;

(a) what is the outcome of the inquiry made by ONGC about payments made by M/s. Sumitomo Corporation to M/s. Jyotsna Holding Limited with reference to conditions in the tender documents in respect of an ONGC contract;

(b) what follow up action has been taken so far and with what results; and

(c) what further action has been taken on the basis of the legal advice obtained by ONGC in the matter ?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M.S. GURUPADASWAMY) : (a) to (c) According to the legal opinion obtained by the ONGC from the then First Additional Solicitor General of India, the remuneration paid by M/s. Sumitomo Corpn. to M/s. Jyotsna Holdings Ltd. is in violation of Clause 31 of the Tender conditions. He has further opined that action can be taken by not giving further business of ONGC to the consortium of Japanese Firms which functioned under the name of M/s Sumitomo Corporation. ONGC have been instructed to take action accordingly. ONGC have also been advised to take recourse to arbitration or to file a suit for appropriate relief. ONGC has initiated action in this regard.

All Public Sector Undertakings under this Ministry have also been advised that no further business should be given to the Consortium of the Japanese firms and its constituents which functioned in the name of M/s. Sumitomo Corporation.

Submission of Audit reports of Joint stock companies to Parliament

629. DR. BAPU KALDATE: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the audit reports of the joint stock companies submitted to Government are periodically presented to Parliament; and

(b) if not, whether Government propose to make compulsory for

the joint stock companies to submit their cost audit reports to Government and also place such reports on the Table of Houses ?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI AJIT SINGH): (a) The cost audit reports are not required to be placed before the Parliament under Section 233B of the Companies Act, 1956.

(b) Under the rules, the cost auditor is required to send his report to the Company Law Board. There is no proposal to place such reports before the Table of the Houses.

Dearness allowance to the employees of Public Sector Undertakings

630. DR. BAPU KALDATE: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the employees of various Public Sector Undertakings like M/s Smith Stanistreet Pharmaceutical Limited are not getting the dearness allowance on the pattern for Central Government employees;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) what remedial measures are proposed to be taken by Government in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI AJIT SINGH): (a) to (c) Government has taken a policy decision that public sector undertakings should follow Industrial Dearness Allowance formula as distinct from the Dearness Allowance formula applicable to Central Government employees. About 90 per cent of total public sector employees are governed by the Industrial Dearness Allowance formula, including all the employees of M/s Smith Stanistree Pharmaceutical Limited. Dearness Allowance under this formula rises at a uniform rate per point rise in All India Consumer Price Index for Industrial workers.

Tehri Dam Project

631. SHRI P. N. SUKUL : Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of the Tehri Dam Project and what is its estimated cost;

(b) whether work on the Project proceeded for some time but was suspended due to adverse agitations from environmentalists; and

(c) whether the whole matter has been re-examined and whether it is proposed to complete the Project as per schedule ?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ARIF MOHD. KHAN) : (a) Tehri Dam Project Complex comprises :—

(i) a 260·5 m high Rockfill Tehri Dam and Hydro Power Project (Stage-I of the Complex) with a concrete spillway and a 1000 MW (4x250 MW) Hydro Power Plant.

(ii) Koteshwar Dam, downstream of Tehri with a Hydro Power Plant of 400 MW (4x100 MW).

(iii) A 1000 MW (4x250 MW) Pump Storage Plant at Tehri.

(iv) Power Transmission System for evacuation of power from the Complex.

The estimated cost of the entire Tehri Complex is Rs. 3008.12 crores and the cost of the 1st Stage Tehri Dam Project is Rs. 1474 crores.

(b) and (c) In the wake of agitation by some environmentalists, the work on river bed cleaning was suspended on 4-1-1990 and subsequently resumed on 23-1-1990. There is no change in the Government